

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

Game Branch / HPC Project Number: 12-411

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Region IV Emergency Helicopter Maintenance and Water Hauling of Bighorn Sheep Water Developments

Region and Game Management Unit: Region IV

Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC):

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Was the project presented to the LHPC?
YES[] NO[X]

Has this project been submitted in previous years? YES[X] NO[]

If Yes, was it funded? YES[X] NO[] → **Funded HPC Project #:** 11-415

Project Type: Region IV Emergency BHS Catchment Maintenance, Repair, Site Visits and Water Hauling via Helicopter

Brief Project Summary:

This proposal is being submitted for the maintenance of various water developments for bighorn sheep in Region IV. This is the second year that a Region-specific proposal is being submitted, since much of the state's helicopter-supported water hauling and maintenance occur in Region IV. Maintenance includes, among other things, emergency water hauling via helicopter. This is an important project in that it allows for the timely use of bighorn sheep special tag funds where they are needed for small projects or emergency maintenance. This proposal addresses minor repairs to bighorn sheep waters, as well as helicopter time for site visits with ADBSS representatives for future projects where necessary.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Bighorn Sheep

Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):

Project Start Date:

July 1st, 2013

Project End Date:

June 30th, 2014

Environmental Compliance:

NEPA Completed: Yes[] No[] N/A[X]

Projected Completion Date: _____

State Historic Preservation Office - Archaeological Clearance:

Yes[] No[] N/A[X]

Projected Completion Date: _____

Arizona Game and Fish Department EA Checklist: N/A[X]

To be Completed by: _____

Projected Completion Date: _____

PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested:

\$ 35,000.00

Cost Share or Matching Funds:

\$

Total Project Costs:

\$ 35,000.00

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant (please print):

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Project has been coordinated with: Ed Jahrke, SSDV

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

Each year, maintenance needs arise concerning water catchments used by bighorn sheep. In some cases, immediate response will be required by Region IV personnel to remedy these needs. Minor repairs are also sometimes identified, not necessarily constituting an emergency, but requiring prompt attention to prevent future Region IV bighorn sheep catchment failures. These repairs are often not significant in terms of materials or labor, but become expensive due to the need of helicopter use.

Similarly, joint site visits with ADBSS representatives, Region IV personnel and land management agency personnel are needed for the repair or redevelopment of bighorn sheep waters; this is also a valid use for this fund. This activity allows for better preparation for a more comprehensive tag fund grant application for the redevelopment of these facilities.

This project, which has been traditionally based out of AGFD Development Branch, has gone over-budget four years in the last five due to lack of precipitation as well as the rising costs associated with helicopter use. In an effort to more closely monitor and realize cost savings wherever possible, Region IV will be now responsible for those flights and activities within its borders.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

A). to buffer the current AGFD cost of maintaining inaccessible bighorn sheep waters by using bighorn sheep special tag funds.

B). to increase the efficiency of using these funds by having jointly-approved funding available for immediate expenditure on a as-needed basis

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

A). Encumber the requested funding for emergencies requiring the use of a helicopter.

B). Identify minor repairs to bighorn sheep water developments that can occur simultaneously to other projects occurring in the area.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Region IV bighorn sheep water development locations

LAND OWNERSHIP AT THE PROJECT SITE(S):

(if the project area is private property, please state specifically and provide the landowner's name)

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IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A COOPERATIVE BIG GAME STEWARDSHIP or LANDOWNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?

YES[] NO[] N/A[X]

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

Not applicable

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Special Big Game License Tag Funds

To pay for helicopter ferry time, helicopter work time and fuel truck expenses.

Cost Share or Matching Funds (for volunteer labor rates please refer to the worksheet below)

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society will be collaborated with for any reasons outside the normal scope of this project. Personnel involved will be primarily AGFD Region IV employees, with some participation by land management agency personnel and ADBSS membership on a case-by-case basis.

WOULD IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT ASSIST IN PROVIDING, MAINTAINING, OR FACILITATING RECREATIONAL ACCESS?

YES[] NO[] N/A[X]

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

This project will be summarized in an annual report of expenditures and activities presented to the ADBSS projects committee, in addition to the required proposal completion report.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

Not Applicable

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

John Hervert or his designee

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (please use the worksheet below):

N/A

TREE CLEARING/REMOVAL PROJECTS (please use the worksheet below):

N/A